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Mr. Phillips Was Recently Elected President of the Board of Trustees of the Academy

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ANDOVER HEAD IS NEW TRUSTEE; MR. PHILLIPS ELECTED TO PRESIDENCY

Dr. Claude Moore Fuess, principal of Phillips Academy, Andover, and well known as an educator and author, was installed as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Academy at a meeting in the Noyes Library on Friday, September 15. Dr. Fuess had been elected to the Board by mail previous to the meeting.

James Duncan Phillips was elected to the presidency of the Board of Trustees at the same meeting. Mr. Phillips, who has long been active in the affairs of the Academy, succeeds the late Judge Alden P. White as chairman.

Dr. Arthur Ewell received the vice presidency, while Mr. Leon M. Little and Mr. Joseph N. Dummer were re-elected to the offices of treasurer and secretary. The other trustees attending the meeting were the Reverend Glenn Tilley Morse, the Reverend Carroll Perry, and Mr. David Wheatland.

Before becoming the principal of Andover, Dr. Fuess, the newly elected Trustee, had served as instructor in English there since 1908, and in 1928 he became the Elizabeth Milbank Anderson Foundation professor of English. Born in Waterville, New York, he entered Amherst College in 1901 and received the B.A. degree in 1905. He then studied for several years at Columbia, receiving his M.A. and Ph.D. Dr. Fuess has been honored with the degree of Litt.D. from Amherst, Columbia, and Dartmouth. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and of Alpha Delta Phi.

GOVERNOR DUMMER OPENS WITH FULL ENROLLMENT

Governor Dummer opened the year with a full enrollment of 114, the largest in the history of the school. The 98 boarding boys fill all the available dormitory space to capacity.

Because of the size of the graduating class last June, the Academy now has a large proportion of new boys. Forty-six per cent of the entire enrollment is composed of boys who are experiencing their first year at Governor Dummer.

Nearly half the boys come from homes outside the state of Massachusetts. New Jersey heads the list with fourteen, and Maine is second with ten.

ADDITIONS TO FACULTY MAKE RATIO OF MASTERS TO STUDENTS ONE TO SIX

Three additions to the faculty have been made this year, bringing the total to seventeen and making the ratio of masters to boys 1 to 6.

Philip H. Cobb, A. B. Bowdoin and M. A. Harvard, comes to Governor Dummer this fall to teach biology and general science, and to act as a dormitory master on the second floor of Moody House. Mr. Cobb prepared for college at the Moses Brown school in Providence. After being graduated cum laude from Bowdoin in 1917 and taking a year of graduate work, he served as an instructor in science at the Loomis School for a period of six years. Since 1917 Mr. Cobb has been the director of Camp Winona, a summer camp for boys at Denmark, Maine.

Stephen H. Stackpole, A. B. Harvard, has been added to the faculty to teach history and to supervise the second floor of Perkins. Preparing for college at Milton and Phillips Academy, Andover, he entered Harvard with honors in Greek and highest honors in physics, and was the recipient of the Swift scholarship during his freshman year. He was an officer of the D. U. Club, and a member of Hasty Pudding—Institute 1770 and of Signet Society. He was a leader of the Instrumental Clubs and during his senior year served as president of the *Lampoon*, chairman of the Dunster House committee, Ivy Orator, and class agent for the Harvard alumni fund.

Both Mr. Cobb and Mr. Stackpole are coaches of the Junior football team.

William C. Fowle, the third new master, is a graduate of Williams College in the class of 1932. During his undergraduate days he was extremely active in the activities of the college, and gained an excellent reputation through his performance on the athletic field. For three years he played at quarter-back on the varsity team and was captain of football during his senior year. He also was a valuable basketball and baseball player. At Governor Dummer Mr. Fowle is assistant football coach, dormitory master on the third floor of Commons, and teacher of French.

Four new courses have been added to the curriculum this year. Mr. Mitchell is conducting a class in advanced algebra, Mr. Allen is teaching second and third year German, and Mr. Cobb is introducing a course in biology.

DEATH OF FORMER HEAD OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS LOSS TO GOVERNOR DUMMER

Governor Dummer Academy suffered a tremendous loss in the death of the Honorable Alden Perley White on July ninth. The late chairman of the Board of Trustees died of heart disease at his summer home in Danvers following a week's illness.

Judge White had been a member of the Board since 1902 and had served as secretary prior to his election to the presidency. During his thirty-one years of association with the Academy he was the constant friend and earnest supporter of the entire school community.

The son of Amos Alden White, a shoe manufacturer, and Harriet Perley White, the Judge was born in Danvers in 1856. He was graduated from Amherst in the class of 1878 and entered the Harvard Law School. In 1880 he was admitted to the bar of Essex County and established his own practice in Salem.

Following an appointment as a special justice of the first district court of Salem in 1890, he resigned to accept the post of assistant district attorney of Essex County, which later led to his election as district attorney. In 1917 Governor Samuel McCall named him judge of the Essex County court of probate and insolvency, sitting at Salem.

Judge White's activities outside court were numerous. He was an orator of distinction and delivered the main address at the exercises in observance of the 300th anniversary of the founding of Salem, in 1926. He was an authority on historical subjects, and wrote a history of Danvers which is now published in book form. He was a member of the Danvers Historical Society and of the Essex Institute.

EVERETT BLACK LEADS COLLEGE BOARD CANDIDATES

Of the eight Governor Dummer students taking College Board examinations last June, Everett Black won the distinction of receiving both the highest single grade and the highest average. In mathematics A he earned a grade of 93%, and in French B and physics grades of 85%, making a general average of 87.7%.

Nathaniel Sanders and Charles Reiche of the class of 1933 were both admitted to Harvard under the New Plan. Sanders received honors in French Cp. 3, and Reiche was exempted from freshman English because of his high standing in that subject.

In addition to the examinations taken un-



Photograph by Warren Kay Vantine

MR. STEPHEN H. STACKPOLE

Mr. Stackpole, One of the New Masters, is a
Teacher of History

der the Harvard New Plan, eighteen of the twenty-three College Board examinations taken by Governor Dummer students last June were passed, and five of them with honor grades.

A survey of the College Board record of the Academy during the past three years shows some interesting results. During that period eighty examinations have been taken and sixty-nine of them have been passed successfully. Twenty-seven honor grades have been accumulated. The highest single grade was earned by John Whittlesey in June, 1931, when he received a grade of 96% in Latin Cp. 2.

DEWEY CATALOGUE SYSTEM NOW INSTALLED IN LIBRARY

During the summer months a considerable amount of work was done in classifying and cataloguing the books in the Noyes Memorial Library, making the library more useful and valuable to the school. Mr. and Mrs. Kirk are responsible for the improvement.

There are now 1317 volumes in the collection exclusive of reference books, of which there are 119. They have been catalogued according to the Dewey system, modified to fit the simple needs of the Library. The classifications include fiction, literature (poetry,

drama, etc.), history, biography, travel, fine arts, and reference.

Students may use the library freely and take books as they wish, but it is essential that they sign and date the card in the rear of the book and drop it in the box provided for that purpose. Books being returned should be placed on the filing case and under no circumstances be returned to the shelves.

New easy chairs, reading lamps, and a number of pieces of fine antique furniture have been added to the library, to make the room a more comfortable and pleasant place to read. Outstanding among the antiques is the chair used by Master Samuel Moody, the first master of the Academy, 1763 - 1790.

A sum of \$200 has been set aside in the school budget this year for the purchase of books, a larger amount than has ever before been used for this purpose. It is to be divided among the several departments in the following manner: English department, \$100; history, \$25; science, \$25; library purchase, \$25. An additional allowance of \$25 has been made for the purpose of rebinding old books.

BRUEGHEL REPRODUCTIONS

GIVEN BY MRS. EDWARD A. EAMES

This summer Mrs. Edward A. Eames, mother of the Headmaster, presented to the Academy an imported set of over thirty of the famous full color reproductions of most of the important works of Peeter Brueghel. These pictures have been hung in the second and third floors of Peirce dormitory, and in the second floor of Moody House.

Mrs. Eames is planning to give framed pictures to the school each year until every room contains one fine original or reproduction which will set the standard for further decorations which the individual boy may add. During the past two years Mrs. Eames has given sets of Holbein and Medici reproductions, in accordance with this plan.

Peeter Brueghel was born at Brueghel about 1525 and died in Brussels in 1569. Belonging to the Flemish school, he became the master of the guild in Antwerp in 1551. He painted chiefly scenes from peasant life, treating them from a realistic and humorous point of view, and not always avoiding coarseness. One can find his pictures in most of the famous museums throughout Europe.

The reproductions in the recent gift are rich in color, full of figures, and deal with a variety of subjects. Often a painting is reproduced entire and supplemented by several "details" of the same picture in separate

frames. One that has attracted the most attention contains many groups of small children who are playing most of the games of the sixteenth century. We are familiar with a majority of the games even today.

TWO EXHIBITIONS OF ART

NOW AT GOVERNOR DUMMER

Following the policy adopted last year, the Academy has started the fall term with two interesting exhibitions of pictures.

In the dining room of Commons is a group of six oil paintings. Four of these were loaned by the Addison Gallery of Art, Phillips Academy, Andover. They are "Umbrian Hills near Urbino" by Arthur B. Davies, "The Idlers" by Maurice B. Prendergast, "Devotion" by Gari Melchers, and "The Rabbit Hunter" by J. Alden Weir. In addition to these are two landscapes by Kahill, loaned by Mr. Cobb. They are of Moose Pond where Mr. Cobb has his summer camp.

Throughout the summer there was an exhibition of etchings by Russell M. Peirce of West Newbury displayed in the Noyes Library. These were replaced at the opening of school by a collection of etchings and dry points by Morgan Dennis, the skilled portray-er of dogdom.

The Dennis exhibition was so large that it had to be shown in two groups. The pictures had an instant appeal to the student body, and a number of boys, needing decorations for their rooms, have purchased prints of their favorite breed of dogs. Mr. Morey Eames feels that this is a welcome outgrowth of the increased interest in art at Governor Dummer.

TRUSTEE HEAD IS AUTHOR

OF "SALEM IN 17TH CENTURY"

"Salem in the Seventeenth Century" is the title of a new book by J. Duncan Phillips, president of the Board of Trustees of the Academy. It is a study of the founders and builders of Salem, the principal town of Essex County, Massachusetts. More men who have rendered distinguished service to the United States can trace their ancestry to this county than to any other similar area in the original thirteen states.

The book presents a vivid picture of the lives of the early Puritans, their industries, their government, their political difficulties, wars, and social problems. It contains a splendid chapter on the witchcraft trouble, a valuable list of all the settlers, and a comprehensive index map of early Salem showing just where everyone lived.

NEW STUDIO CONSTRUCTED FOR SKETCHING CLASSES

Outstanding among the improvements made in the school during the summer months is the new studio for the work of the sketching and mechanical drawing classes. It is located in the basement of the Noyes Library, in the room which was formerly occupied by the school shop.

Mr. Morey Eames, who is in charge of the sketching and mechanical drawing work, drew up the plans for the studio. It is furnished with the necessary equipment for the work of his classes, including a press for linoleum block printing. It is probable that etching will be introduced this year, and the necessary materials will be installed at that time.

A large closet adjoining the studio contains stalls for each boy's drawing equipment and paint set, cupboards for valuable paintings, and a small library containing books related to sketching and mechanical drawing. Thirty-six frames have been kindly donated by Mrs. Edward A. Eames of Buffalo, and these will be reserved for the exclusive use of the sketching classes.

Large windows on two sides of the room furnish good light, and an effective lighting system has been installed for dull days and for use at night.

The old work shop, which was formerly in the basement of the library, has been moved to the lower garage where more space is available. It is fitted out with an office for the superintendent, a paint shop, storage space, and equipment for carpentry, plumbing, and electrical work. The loss in garage space has been compensated by moving the old shed from its place beside the new hockey rink to a position behind the school building and converting it into a three-car garage.

BOUND COPIES OF ARCHON PLACED IN PERMANENT FILE

There have recently come from the bindery thirteen volumes, each containing the twenty numbers of *The Archon* issued from November, 1930 to June, 1933. Each volume thus contains all copies issued in the present form to date, making a comprehensive history of the Academy under the present administration. The binding has been done in dark blue boards with gold lettering and is expected to provide durable protection for the contents.

A comparison of the first and the last issue contained in the volume is indicative of the improvements which the increasingly generous

support of students and advertisers has allowed the editors to make in the publication. The first issue of sixteen pages, unillustrated and noticeable for its small type and crowded pages, shows clearly the board's cautious determination to keep within its budget. The last issue, with its twenty pages, its wide margins and larger type, and its twelve illustrations, is a tribute both to its editors and to the student body whose support made the change possible.

Historically the volume presents an anomaly. It shows an already venerable school taking on new life, growing in numbers and influence, entering new fields of activity, increasing its faculty,—and doing so in years of business depression that forced many such institutions to retrench on every side.

Since it was possible to collect only enough copies of some of the earlier issues for a few volumes, it has been necessary to distribute them carefully. One copy has been sent to Mr. Leon Little to be placed with the permanent file of historical documents relating to the school. Another copy has been presented to Mr. James Duncan Phillips, the new President of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Eames, the Headmaster under whose administration the copies included were issued, has two copies, one for his personal use and one for his office. Mr. Dunning and Mr. Stone, faculty advisers, have one copy each, and six copies are to be distributed to the six students who have served as Business Manager or Editor-in-Chief during the three years included in the volume. The remaining copy will be placed in the library.

FORMER MASTERS KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ACADEMY

A letter from Mr. Charles Brodhead and two visits from Mr. Edward Hogenauer have kept the Academy in touch with the masters who are not here this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Brodhead sailed for England in September and have taken up residence in Oxford near the University. In a letter to Mr. Eames, which was read at a recent evening meeting, the former history teacher wrote, "The official term, with lectures and study beginning October eighth, will find Mr. Brodhead trembling at the assignments of others rather than others trembling at the assignments of Mr. Brodhead."

Worcester Academy is the new home of Mr. Hogenauer, where he is a teacher of German and mathematics. He is also coaching football.



DR. CLAUDE MOORE FUESS

The Principal of Phillips Academy, Andover, is a New Member of the Board of Trustees

GIFTS TO SCHOOL INCLUDE LITHOGRAPHS BY BREIDVIK

Once again the Academy is the recipient of a very unusual art gift. Two fine lithographs by Mons Breidvik arrived at the school this fall: one a very forceful, though simple, picture entitled "Winter", the other an equally fine lithograph called "Vikings". The first is a winter scene in the mountains, showing a skier carrying a full pack on his back and looking intently into the distance at a large silhouetted animal carrying a great spread of antlers. The second shows in the foreground the happy, wind-blown countenance of a broad-shouldered Norseman, apparently the leader of a fleet. The love of adventure on the seas is written in every line of his face. These pictures are the twenty-first and twenty-second prints of editions of fifty, printed by George C. Miller and signed by the artist.

A letter from John B. Shearer, an alumnus, to Mr. Eames says in part, "I have mailed you two signed prints by Mons Breidvik, Esq., for your school collection. Breidvik was particularly enthusiastic when I told him of the interest in graphic art and painting aroused by yourself and your brother, and he asked me to forward the prints to you with his compliments."

Mr. Shearer also figures in another gift. A few weeks ago he sent to the school a drawing of the Mansion House, showing the front of the building in full sunshine, with interesting shadows and tree forms. It is the work of Miss Margaret Lowengrunch and was done by her for the school. It will be of particular value to the sketching classes; for the boys often draw the same building with its famous doorway, and often use the same medium, a lithographic crayon.

The three pictures mentioned in this article are now on display in the Noyes Library.

MANY RECENT GRADUATES RETURN TO VISIT SCHOOL

An unusual number of last year's students have returned to South Byfield this fall to visit the Academy. The game with Tabor on October seventh proved to be the greatest attraction for the alumni, for seven former Governors were in the stands to see the Academy football team open its season with a victory.

Baird Hodgkinson, Calvin Eldred, and Frederic McIntire drove down from Dartmouth for the occasion, and Nathaniel Sanders and Charles Reiche took enough time from their activities at Harvard to spend the

afternoon at the school. A familiar scene was presented when Chester Ingraham, who is now at Boston University, stepped back into his old position of cheerleader and helped to win the game.

William Bauer and Douglas Rowley favored the Academy with a two-day visit on the week-end of October seventh and renewed many of their acquaintances and friendships. They are both at high school in Springfield this year. Marshall Sargent, now at Tufts College, is another who has added a familiar note to the campus by dropping in for a short visit.

Howard "Mickey" Walker, varsity back at Brown, came up from Providence one day to give a brief talk to the football team. He was welcomed again a few days later when he returned, accompanied by Hayward Brown, also of Brown University. Louis Sumner, who is this year at Nichols Junior College, stopped in for a few minutes one evening and chatted with his old friends.

At the game with the Andover Reserves, played at Andover, Harry Churchill of last year's class was in the stands. Harry is at the Lowell Textile Institute this year. Charles Cadoo was a member of the Colby College football squad which stopped at the Academy on October 20 for a signal drill on Morse Field.

MANSFIELD SINGERS OPEN SATURDAY ENTERTAINMENTS

On Saturday evening, September 30, the Mansfield Quartet presented a program in the Lang Gymnasium, inaugurating the series of Saturday evening entertainments for the year. The singers appeared at the Academy last year when a severe storm had disabled the entire electrical system, making evening study hall impossible. They proved so popular on that occasion that they were asked to return again this fall.

The Mansfield Quartet is well known in the Metropolitan Boston district, where they appear in recitals and broadcasts. Their varied program included classical numbers, negro spirituals, lighter compositions, and solos. An entertaining monologue was a popular feature of the evening. "Sylvia" was particularly well done by the quartet, the voices blending and shading to produce a beautiful effect.

*Illustrated Lecture on Whaling is Given
by Chester S. Howland*

Whales and the lost art of whaling was the subject of an illustrated lecture given by Mr. Chester S. Howland in the Lang Gymnasium

on Saturday evening, October seventh. Mr. Howland is a native of New Bedford, the port from which the great American whale ships sailed, and he is the descendant of a New Bedford whaling skipper.

A well-deserved tribute was paid to the memory of the daring whalers who followed their dangerous trade on all of the seven seas. Mr. Howland displayed the various harpoons and lances used in killing the great animal, and his pictures, including still slides and moving pictures, showed the entire process of sighting and capturing a whale according to the methods of the New Bedford whalers.

Modern methods are, of course, more efficient, but they are entirely stripped of the romance and spirit of adventure which made the old whaling industry so picturesque. There is now a real danger that the whale will entirely disappear, and there are movements afoot to provide for its protection.

*Magician Baffles School in Third
Saturday Entertainment*

The Saturday entertainment for October 14 was a performance by the Dutch magician, Jan Hagoort, whose highly entertaining tricks were both baffling and interesting to the school. Mr. Hagoort is an old favorite at the Academy and has appeared here on several previous occasions.

Among the new tricks included in the program was a feat of mind reading which was quite unique. In this trick Mr. Hagoort tore a page from a popular magazine and asked three boys to cut classified advertisements from that page. The advertisements were then shaken up well and each boy drew one. The boys, who had previously been given cards with numbers, called off their numbers, and Mr. Hagoort told them the word that corresponded to the number. Invariably the word was found in the right place in the advertisement. Another astounding feat came when one of the boys tied Mr. Hagoort's thumbs together securely and then tossed rings at him. In some fashion the rings appeared to pass through the knot on his thumbs and go onto his arms.

*First Sound Picture is Presented
at Entertainment*

A new and successful experiment in Saturday evening entertainments was made on October 21 when the Gymnasium became the scene of a talking picture, "The Big Cage", starring Clyde Beathy and presented by Carl Laemele. Moving pictures have been shown at the Academy on numerous occasions, but never before with sound effect.

Clyde Beathy, the principal character of the picture, is the world's most famous animal trainer, and he is seen in many thrilling experiences and adventures with wild animals. One particularly memorable scene was not in the original script of the play, and was made possible only through the daring of the photographer. While the picture was being made, a large tiger became enraged and sprang at one of the lions, and the fight which followed was one of the best parts of the film.

The reception given this entertainment was fine, and many favorable comments have been reported. Sound pictures will probably be brought to the Academy again.

*RESERVES HOLD GEORGETOWN
TO 13 - 13 TIE IN FIRST GAME*

In the opening game of the Reserve Team season on October sixth, Georgetown High School was held to a 13 - 13 tie. George Tryon, Basil Ridgeway, and Philip DeWitt starred for the home team.

The first score came in the opening minutes of play when Aaron Goodale recovered a fumbled punt on the visitors' one-yard line. A power play by Garfield Rae gave the Governors the score, and a short pass from Rae to Ridgeway gained the extra point.

A long pass from mid-field to the five-yard stripe paved the way for Georgetown's first touchdown, and the half ended with the Reserves holding a one-point lead.

In the second half the Governors marched from the fifty-yard line to the goal on a series of passes and plunges, but failed to make the extra point. Georgetown, fighting against time, completed several long passes and scored in the last few minutes.

*Hampton Academy Scores Decisive
Victory Over Reserves*

Defeat awaited the Governor Dummer Reserve team at Hampton, New Hampshire, when the Hampton Academy varsity rolled up a 26 - 0 victory on Saturday, October 14.

Hampton scored but once in the first half, making a wide end sweep from the Governors' five-yard line after a series of line plunges and passes had brought the ball from midfield. In the second half the Reserves looked sure of a touchdown when the ball was within two inches of the Hampton goal, but an untimely fumble ended the threat. Hampton then went to work and made three more scores before the final whistle. An intercepted pass, a "shoestring" play, and a long forward pass accounted for the three touchdowns, and two of the extra points were made.

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IN MEMORIAM

(The following editorial was written for *The Archon* by a close friend and classmate of Judge White.)

A familiar figure has passed from the Campus and the council table. Judge White is dead. For thirty years he served as a Trustee, and since 1925 as Chairman of the Board. No one ever gave more devoted service, was more fertile in suggestion or more skillful in applying the oil of tact to troubled waters. He was deeply interested in the students and many will remember his helpfulness and sympathy.

Wherever he went Judge White carried with him an atmosphere of friendliness. This was revealed in his most casual contacts. Who that ever met him could fail to be impressed by his cordial hand-clasp, the smile of lip and eye, the almost deferential manner and the intentness with which he listened, his head a little on one side, to each word, as though every syllable was too precious to be lost.

Judge White achieved greatly in public life, and these things will not be forgotten. But they are not what his friends will remember when they speak of him. They will dwell on his capacity for friendship, his loyalty not only to persons but to ideals, his whimsical humor expressed in so many human ways.

One of his classmates will treasure the remembrance of the secret society formed between them in College and the elaborate grip which "Perley" almost always gave to him when they met. He will also remember the occasion of his dropping into the Court Room within the present year. Court had adjourned but the Honorable Judge sat in his robes and

in meditation in the empty room. Without a word, but with his beautiful smile he took his friend by the arm and led him to the window opposite the Bench. He pointed to the horizon. "Do you see that?" he asked. "What do you mean, the top of that elm tree sticking up behind the hill?" "Yes. When things are going slowly here and a dull lawyer is droning along I keep my eyes on that tree and feel refreshed." And then the infectious chuckle. Such simple things as these will be remembered. They and not the so called prizes of life are what make life worth living. Why cannot we all have such human qualities, such absence of "claimativeness", such wide sympathy and warmth of affection? It would do away with depressions, unjust treaties and disarmament conferences and cause war to cease to the end of the world.

Judge White doubtless had faults, as we all have, but to date they have not been catalogued. It was a privilege to know him, it will be a pleasure to remember him. His College Class, Governor Dummer Academy, the city of Salem and Essex County are the poorer for his passing.

"A GOOD HOST PUTS HIMSELF OUT"

This year there is at Governor Dummer a large percentage of new boys, owing to the size of the graduating class last June. There are in attendance fifty-three new boys, or nearly half the school. Those of us who have been here before should go out of our way to make it more comfortable for those who are starting out on a new voyage of school life. Many of the boys who are here for the first time have never been to boarding school before, and are consequently a bit lost and homesick. They are apt to remain in that state unless someone helps them. As Mr. Eames said, "A good host puts himself out." That is really what we are—hosts, and as hosts we should go to extremes to make it more comfortable for our guests.

It is very easy when school opens to go to our old friends and swap stories with them, but let us remember the new fellows too. It is easy for us to forget that we were once strangers.

We are living in a small school where one of the great advantages is that we can soon become well acquainted with every boy. It has often happened that a friendly word has begun a life-long friendship, but even though we fail to strike up a great friendship, we can at least make a definite effort to have every new boy feel welcome and at home.

—W. V. N.



HON. ALDEN PERLEY WHITE

1856 — 1933

INTERESTING LETTER IS
GIFT OF JOSEPH N. DUMMER

An interesting letter from Theophilus Parsons to the Reverend Nehemiah Cleaveland has been given to the Academy by Mr. Joseph Dummer of the Board of Trustees. The letter refers to Master Samuel Moody, who was the first master of Governor Dummer Academy, serving from 1763 until 1790. Nehemiah Cleaveland was headmaster of the Academy from 1821 to 1840, and Theophilus Parsons served as a trustee from 1784 to 1813.

The entire letter follows:

Cambridge, February 3, 1855

Dear Sir,

I regret to say that I find myself wholly unable to assist you in the preparation of a memoir of Master Moody, but no one will listen to it with greater pleasure than I shall when you give it to the public.

I remember that I used to hear much about him. My father had many anecdotes in which he appeared, and I often heard them responded to with other characteristic stories, by his old friends when they were chatting of their earlier times. But none of them do I remember with any distinctness. They have however left an impression on my mind, that he was a very able and learned man, earnestly devoted to the work of instruction; with very many eccentricities, which however were so controlled by—if they did not in some degree spring from—his ruling passion, that they aided rather than impeded the discharge of his duties.

I thank you for the kindness with which you spoke of my father. I suppose I may say he was useful and eminent in his day, but there are few who remember him, and in a short time there will be none.

Very sincerely yours,
Theophilus Parsons

REVEREND CARROLL PERRY
SPEAKS AT FIRST VESPER

At the first Sunday Vesper service of the school year, held October first, the Reverend Carroll Perry of Ipswich, friend and trustee of the Academy, spoke on the danger of staying too long in one place. "Ye have lingered too long about this mountain; get ye up to the northward," were the words of his text. Many people, Mr. Perry said, stagnate in the place where they are because they have no ambition. He told of several acquaintances at New Haven, where he studied, who used to return year after year, content to stay there

until doomsday. They had no fire, no ambition to get ahead. After a boy is through school he does not stay there any longer, but goes on to college and finally out into life where he puts into use the knowledge he has gained.

*Mr. McCartney Presents Unusual Picture
in Vesper Message*

Mr. Henry R. McCartney of the Byfield Congregational Church gave an unusual and vivid image at the Sunday Vesper service on October eighth. He made the supposition that heaven was subdivided into many types according to the ideals and expectations of individuals, and that various individuals were sent to the heaven which least suited their temperament. Dissatisfaction and unhappiness resulted, and they all wished to be back on earth.

If we wish to be certain of happiness in heaven, Mr. McCartney said, we must make a heaven of our own right here on earth.

*Reverend Glenn Tilley Morse
Is Vesper Speaker*

The Reverend Glenn Tilley Morse, rector of the Episcopal church at West Newbury and trustee of the Academy, was the Vesper speaker on Sunday, October 15.

Mr. Morse spoke on the social revolution caused by the advent of Christianity, showing the changes made in the world just after the time of Christ. Christianity is still changing the ideas of the world, he said. It is not impossible for us to be loyal both to an earthly power and to a power which rules in our hearts. However, only one power can rule the heart, and we must strive to prevent this from being one of the baser powers, such as pleasure seeking, vanity, greed for fame or power.

*Mr. Paradise Traces Connection Between
Andover and Governor Dummer*

Mr. Scott H. Paradise, the assistant to the headmaster of Phillips Academy, Andover, read an exceedingly fine and interesting paper at the Vesper service on Sunday, October 22. The paper was of particular interest because it showed the close link between Phillips Academy and Governor Dummer. Mr. Paradise told of the lives and characters of Samuel Phillips, the founder of Phillips Academy, and of Eliphalet Pearson, the first headmaster at Andover. Both of these men were students at Governor Dummer under Master Moody.

Mr. Paradise has kindly consented to permit *The Archon* to use his entire paper in a future issue, and consequently a detailed report will not be made at this time.

SCHOOL - HOUSE OF 1763
USHERS IN NEW PERIOD
IN HISTORY OF BYFIELD

"Feb. 28, 1763, Mond. Very stormy." Thus reads an entry in the diary of the Reverend Moses Parsons, the pastor of the Byfield Parish from 1744 to 1783. Mr. Parsons had the habit of making two kinds of remarks in his diary,—very brief ones from day to day, and fuller ones of the more important events entered separately. And so it is that we find another entry for the same date:

"Dummer Charity School opened Feb. 28. Pd. (preached) upon ye occasion a public lecture fr'm Isai. 32.8 when Mr. Sam Moody of York took the charge thereof. Said school began the next day viz. March 1, 1763."

The text referred to, in the version of that day, reads, "But the liberal deviseth liberal things, and by liberal things shall he stand." We are told in Dr. John L. Ewell's *The Story of Byfield* that "Mr. Parsons was happy in his choice of texts, and never more so than on that day. Governor Dummer had devised many liberal things throughout his life, and this bequest was pre-eminently liberal, and by this liberality shall he stand in the grateful memory of all generations. Byfield has a wonderful record for first things, but Dummer Academy is the most illustrious of all the things in which she has taken the lead."

The illustration shows the little red school-house in which Master Moody taught his first class on the first day of March, one hundred and seventy years ago. It is described by Dr. Ewell as a modest affair, a one story building about twenty feet square, and it did not have the cupola which it now has. The Mansion House and farm were rented in

1762, the year after Governor Dummer died, and the rent was used to build the school-house.

A costly building was not essential to the success of the school, for the parishioners were so fortunate as to obtain the services of Master Moody. He was recommended by the evangelist, George Whitefield, whose portrait now hangs in the hall of the Mansion House. Mr. Parsons appears to have been a warm admirer of Mr. Whitefield, welcoming him to his house and pulpit.

The building of the little red school-house and the advent of Mr. Samuel Moody marked the beginning of a new era in the educational history of Byfield. People had lived in the parish for more than a century and a quarter before that time, and only ten boys had been sent to college. But during the period of Master Moody's instruction alone, from 1763 to 1790, twenty college graduates came out of Byfield, including a Harvard president and a chief justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Court. One historian writes, "Perhaps no country parish within the Commonwealth has educated more boys according to its population than Byfield."



THE LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE OF 1763

Small as the school-house appears to be, we are told that it housed from seventy to eighty boys for many years. The boarding students, who numbered about twenty-five, lived in the Mansion House under the care of Master Moody's brother, Joseph. Nehemiah Cleaveland, one of the early masters, said that perhaps the boys came to the school "because it had a monopoly in the educational line, but they remained because they found there all they could desire."

The Reverend Moses Parsons did a good morning's work that stormy day in Feb. 1763.

GOVERNORS OPEN FOOTBALL
SEASON WITH 19 - 6 VICTORY
OVER TABOR ACADEMY TEAM

In the opening game of the football season, played against Tabor Academy at South Byfield on October seventh, Governor Dummer defeated the visitors in a thrilling exhibition of football by a score of 19 - 6.

Tabor started well after receiving the kick-off, but the Governors soon took the ball on downs and started a steady march. An intercepted pass prevented a scoring threat during the first quarter, but the Governors continued to hold the Marion team. The first score came near the end of the half when Hutchinson received a punt and returned it to Tabor's thirty-yard line. Two first downs were made on line plays. John Frank then received a short pass over center from William Hutchinson for a touchdown. With only two minutes left to play, the Tabor team received the kick-off, and after two plays William Murphy intercepted a pass. A long pass to Frank nearly brought another score as the half ended.

Two more touchdowns came in the second half, one when Hutchinson carried the ball through left tackle after a sustained drive from

mid-field. A twenty-five yard pass to Shaw accounted for the final score, and the extra point was allowed on a penalty.

*Governors Score Close Victory Over
Andover Reserves*

Governor Dummer's football team journeyed to Andover on October 14 to defeat the Phillips Academy Gray Jersey squad 7 - 0 in a close game. The Governors were without the services of John Frank in the backfield, but the team made a better performance than in the Tabor game.

Following an exchange of punts, with Russell Brewer kicking for the Governors, an attempt was made to pierce the Andover line. The resistance was too great, and an aerial attack was opened, with William Hutchinson passing and Minot Shaw receiving.

Andover tried a forward pass from a fake kick formation in the second period, and William Murphy intercepted for the Governors, running for a touchdown. Russell Brewer made the extra point on a line buck, ending the scoring for the day.

The last half of the game found Andover repeatedly within scoring position, but the line resisted stubbornly and the backfield was on the alert to cover the passes.

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*Browne and Nichols Defeated as Governors
Score Third Victory*

The Governors accounted for their third straight victory in a game with the Browne and Nichols School played at Cambridge on October 21 in the very shadow of the Harvard Stadium. The final score was 19 - 0 in the Academy's favor.

Early in the first quarter the Red and White produced a touchdown when William Hutchinson went around left end from the ten-yard line. The passing attack, with Herbert Badger on the receiving end, began to

click near the end of the half, but no scoring resulted.

Browne and Nichols returned to the field in the second half with renewed determination and spirit, but the Governors' charging line and secondary defense was too strong for the Cambridge team. William Murphy intercepted a Browne and Nichols lateral pass, and after several plays, went through the center of the line for the second touchdown of the afternoon. Later, with only thirty seconds of time left in the game, Hutchinson threw a pass to Minot Shaw who successfully crossed the goal line. Captain Richard Segler made the extra point.

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VICTORIES OVER BROOKS**

The Junior football team scored two victories over the second squad of the Brooks School, winning 26 - 13 at South Byfield on October 18, and 24 - 0 at North Andover on October 25.

William Earnshaw and Robert McMenimen accounted for the touchdowns in the first game, while Joseph Williamson, John Miller, and John Davidson performed well.

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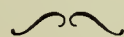
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